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SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

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1. DURING MEETING WITH FONMINISTER BLANCO ON MAY 29 I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY GREETINGS FROM AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD AS INDICATED REFTEL. FONMINISTER WAS VISIBLY PLEASED WITH THIS THOUGHTFUL REFERENCE AND WARMLY RECALLED THE LONG AND INTERESTING CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD IN ATLANTA, INCLUDING A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF ITS HAVING COINCIDED WITH THE INCIDENT OF THE FALSE FIRE ALARM AND RELATED "STREAKING".

2. ON MATTER OF SUBSTANCE, HE SAID HE COMPLETELY AGREED WITH OUR TACTICAL APPROACH IN LAYING STRESS DURING FIRST MEETING ON THOSE AGENDA ITEMS WE HAVE SINGLED OUT AS BEING MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO INITIAL PROGRESS. HE THOUGHT THIS COULD CREATE A PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH, AS WE ALSO BELIEVE, THE MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS COULD LATER BE TACKLED WITH BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

3. HE THOUGHT ALSO THAT URUGUAY COULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN TAKING A STRONG POSITION REGARDING STRUCTURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL REFORMS OF THE OAS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE CHARTER AMENDMENT. TOO MUCH US EMPHASIS, HE SAID, MIGHT GIVE RISE TO FEAR THAT THE US WAS OPPOSING

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CHARTER AMENDMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, URUGUAY'S CREDENTIALS
FOR TAKING THIS LINE WERE EXCELLENT SINCE URUGUAY WAS ONE OF THOSE
TAKING THE LEAD IN PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENTS. ON THIS ISSUE, AS
WELL AS THAT ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE, I CAME AWAY
FROM THIS MEETING WITH THE STRONG FEELING THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO
COUNT ON URUGUAY'S COOPERATION AND ON AN URUGUAYAN APPROACH TO
THESE PROBLEMS VERY SIMILAR TO OUR OWN.
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